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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

We use Sonic.net as our internet and telephone (land line) provider. They are competitive and offer us excellent customer service.

Local broadband providers are so important and help keep the market competitive especially in the area of service.

We live in a rural area and Sonic is critical for us. My husband is a Type 1 diabetic and requires a stable and robust internet connection so that his doctor can get status reports on his blood sugar numbers. Sonic provides this to us.

Apparently AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. This just does not work - a competitive environment is one of the hallmarks of our country. Please do not allow this to occur.

Thank you.

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